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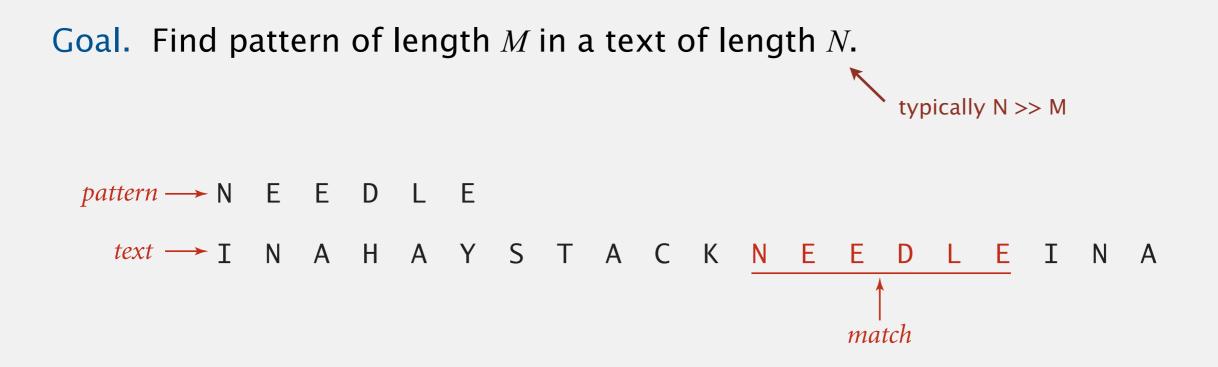
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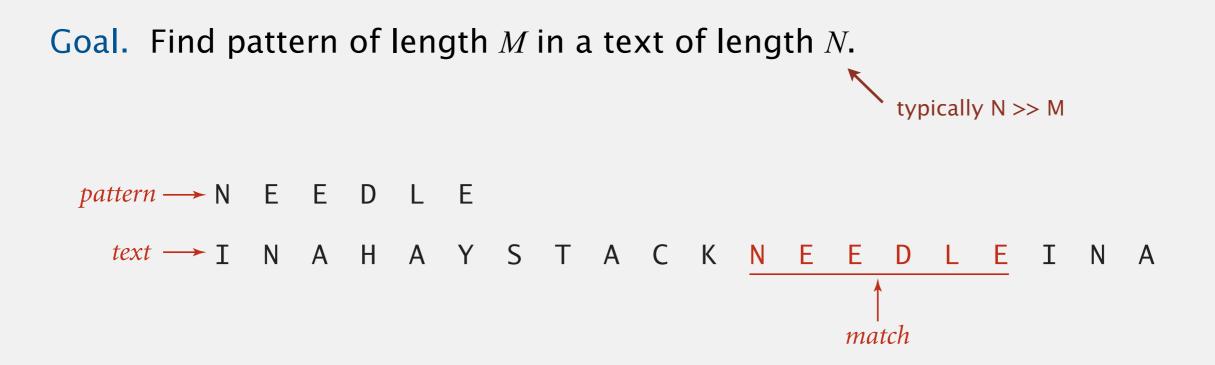
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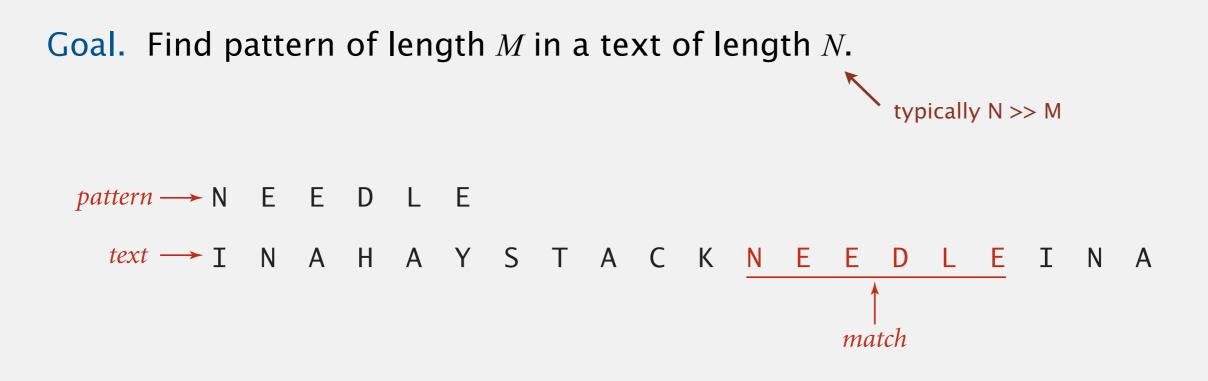
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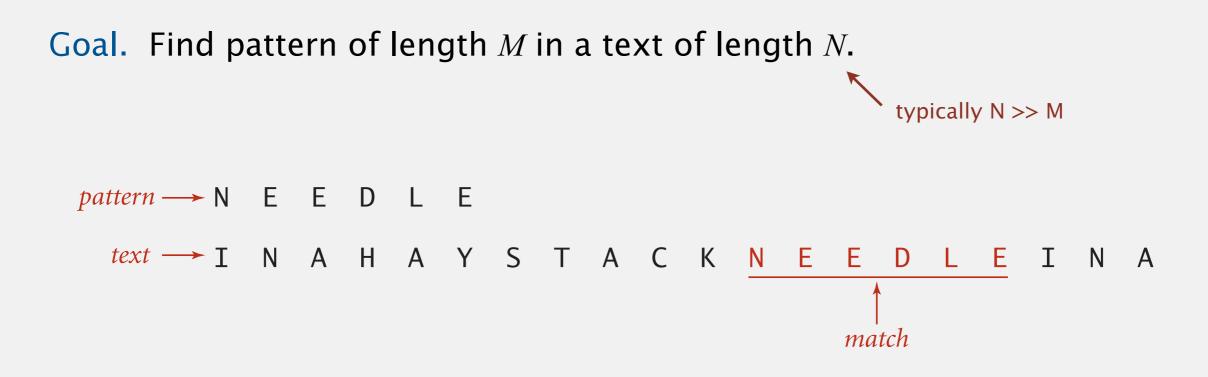
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Computer forensics. Search memory or disk for signatures, e.g., all URLs or RSA keys that the user has entered.



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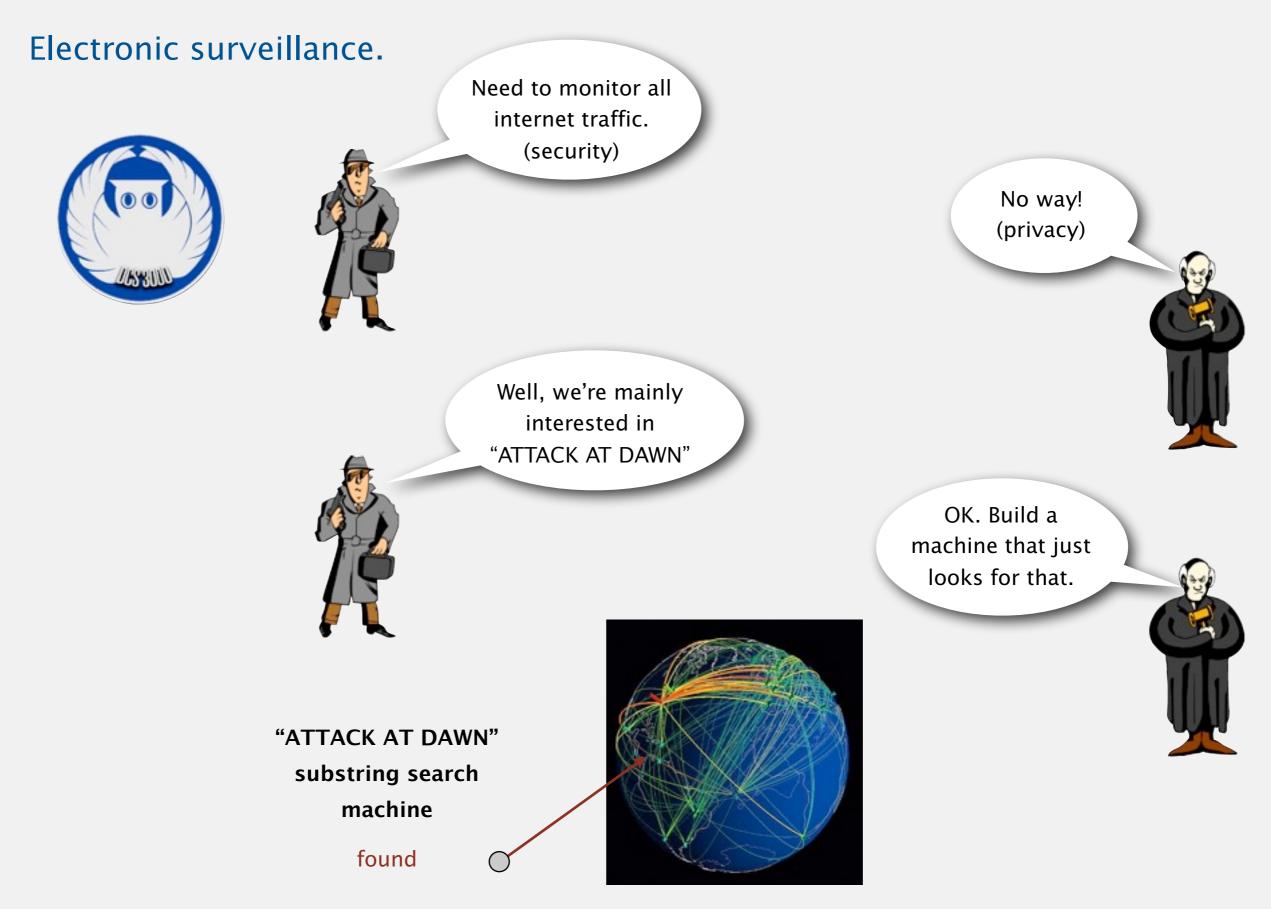


Identify patterns indicative of spam.

- PROFITS
- LOSE WE1GHT
- herbal Viagra
- There is no catch.
- This is a one-time mailing.
- This message is sent in compliance with spam regulations.

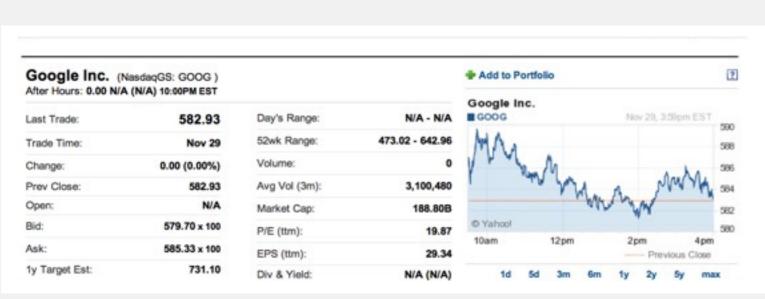






Screen scraping. Extract relevant data from web page.

Ex. Find string delimited by and after first occurrence of pattern Last Trade:.



http://finance.yahoo.com/q?s=goog

Last Trade:
class= "yfnc_tabledata1">
<big>582.93</big>
class= "yfnc_tablehead1"
width= "48%">
Trade Class= "yfnc_tablehead1"
width= "48%">
Trade Time:

Java library. The indexOf() method in Java's String data type returns the index of the first occurrence of a given string, starting at a given offset.

```
public class StockQuote
{
  public static void main(String[] args)
   {
      String name = "http://finance.yahoo.com/q?s=";
      In in = new In(name + args[0]);
      String text = in.readAll();
      int start = text.indexOf("Last Trade:", 0);
      int from = text.index0f("<b>", start);
      int to = text.indexOf("</b>", from);
      String price = text.substring(from + 3, to);
      StdOut.println(price);
   }
}
               % java StockQuote goog
               582.93
```

Caveat. Must update program if Yahoo format changes.

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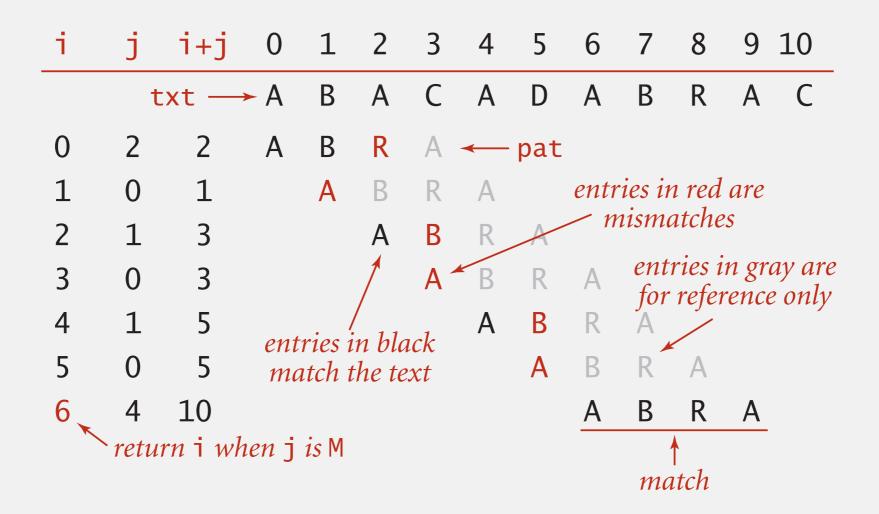
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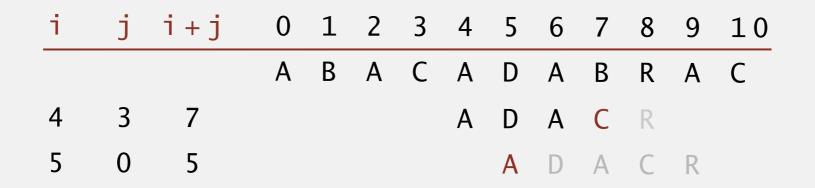
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Check for pattern starting at each text position.



Brute-force substring search: Java implementation

Check for pattern starting at each text position.



Substring search quiz 1

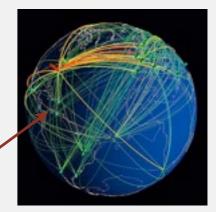
What is the worst-case running time of brute-force substring search as a function of the number of characters in the pattern *M* and text *N*?

- $A. \quad M+N$
- **B.** *M*²
- **C.** *M N*
- **D.** N^2
- E. I don't know.

Backup

In many applications, we want to avoid backup in text stream.

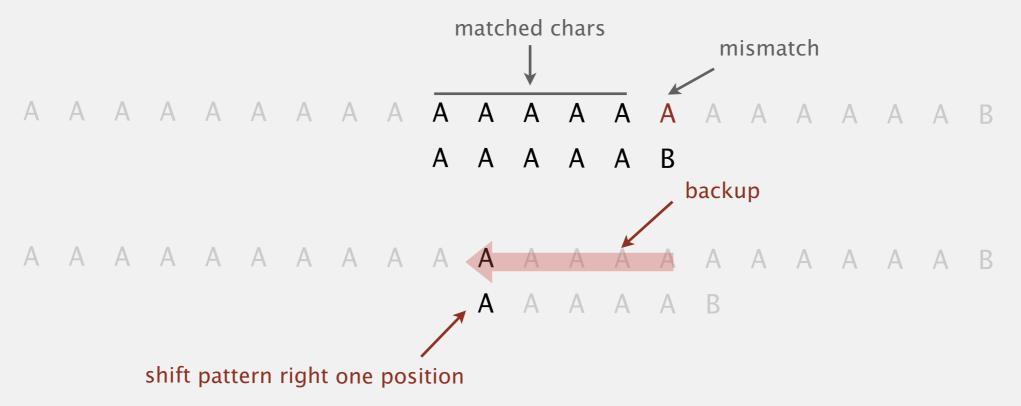
- Treat input as stream of data.
- Abstract model: standard input.



"ATTACK AT DAWN" substring search machine

found

Brute-force algorithm needs backup for every mismatch.



Approach 1. Maintain buffer of last M characters.
Approach 2. Stay tuned.

Brute-force substring search: alternate implementation

Same sequence of character compares as previous implementation.

- i points to end of sequence of already-matched characters in text.
- j stores # of already-matched characters (end of sequence in pattern).

	i	j	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
			А	В	А	С	А	D	А	В	R	А	С
	7	3					А	D	А	С	R		
	5	0						А	D	А	С	R	
<pre>public static int search(String pat, String txt) {</pre>													
<pre>int i, N = txt.length(); int j, M = pat.length();</pre>													

Brute-force is not always good enough.

Now is the time for all people to come to the aid of their party. Now is the time for all good people to come to the aid of their party. Now is the time for many good people to come to the aid of their party. Now is the time for all good people to come to the aid of their party. Now is the time for a lot of good people to come to the aid of their party. Now is the time for all of the good people to come to the aid of their party. Now is the time for all good people to come to the aid of their party. Now is the time for each good person to come to the aid of their party. Now is the time for all good people to come to the aid of their party. Now is the time for all good Republicans to come to the aid of their party. Now is the time for all good people to come to the aid of their party. Now is the time for many or all good people to come to the aid of their party. Now is the time for all good people to come to the aid of their party. Now is the time for all good Democrats to come to the aid of their party. Now is the time for all people to come to the aid of their party. Now is the time for all good people to come to the aid of their party. Now is the time for many good people to come to the aid of their party. Now is the time for all good people to come to the aid of their party. Now is the time for a lot of good people to come to the aid of their party. Now is the time for all of the good people to come to the aid of their party. Now is the time for all good people to come to the aid of their attack at dawn party. Now is the time for each person to come to the aid of their party. Now is the time for all good people to come to the aid of their party. Now is the time for all good Republicans to come to the aid of their party. Now is the time for all good people to come to the aid of their party. Now is the time for many or all good people to come to the aid of their party. Now is the time for all good people to come to the aid of their party. Now is the time for all good Democrats to come to the aid of their party.

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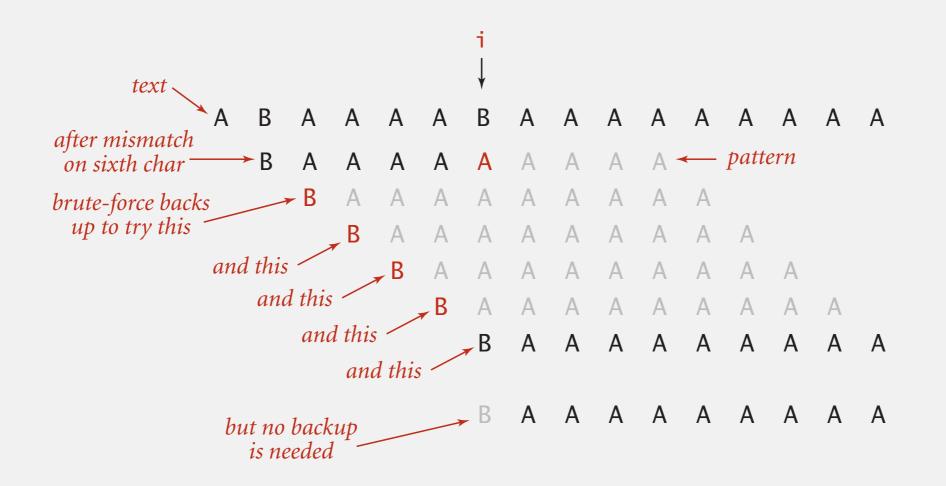
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Intuition. Suppose we are searching in text for pattern BAAAAAAAAA.

- Suppose we match 5 chars in pattern, with mismatch on 6th char.
- We know previous 6 chars in text are BAAAAB.
- Don't need to back up text pointer!

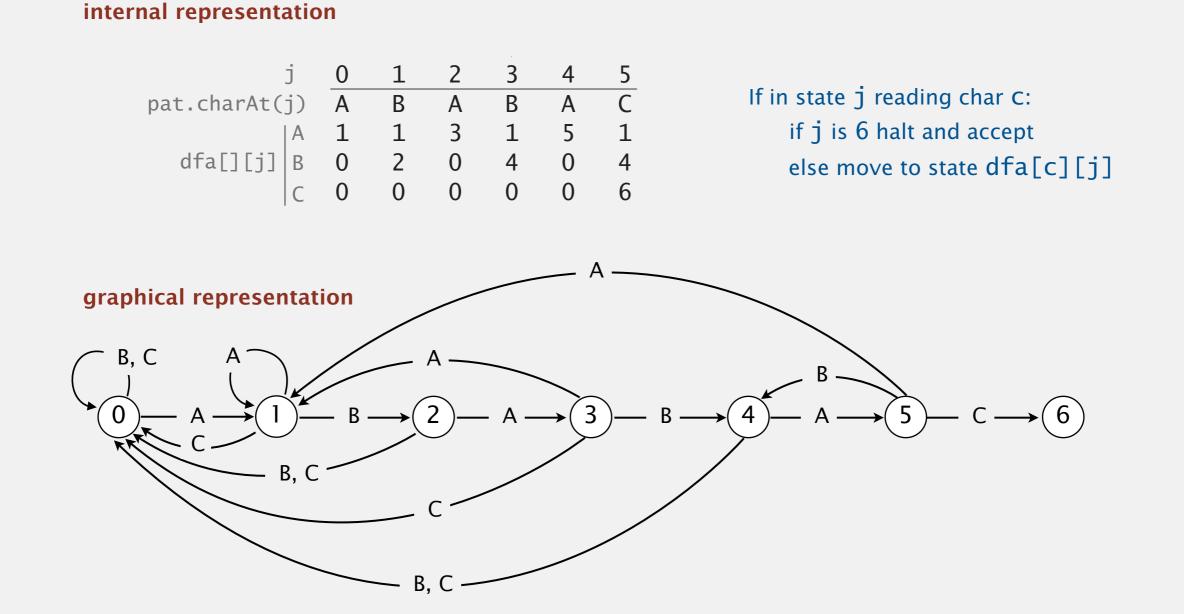
assuming { A, B } alphabet



Knuth-Morris-Pratt algorithm. Clever method to always avoid backup!

DFA is abstract string-searching machine.

- Finite number of states (including start and halt).
- Exactly one state transition for each char in alphabet.
- Accept if sequence of state transitions leads to halt state.

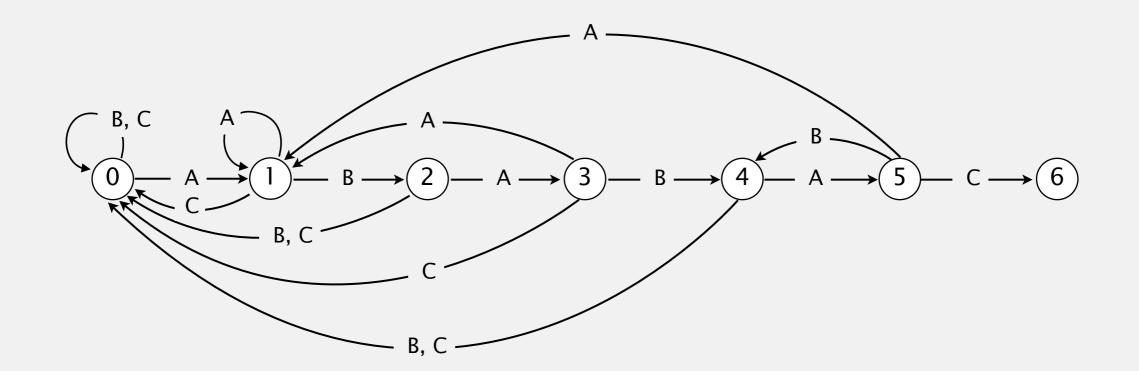


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A A B A C A A B A B A C A A

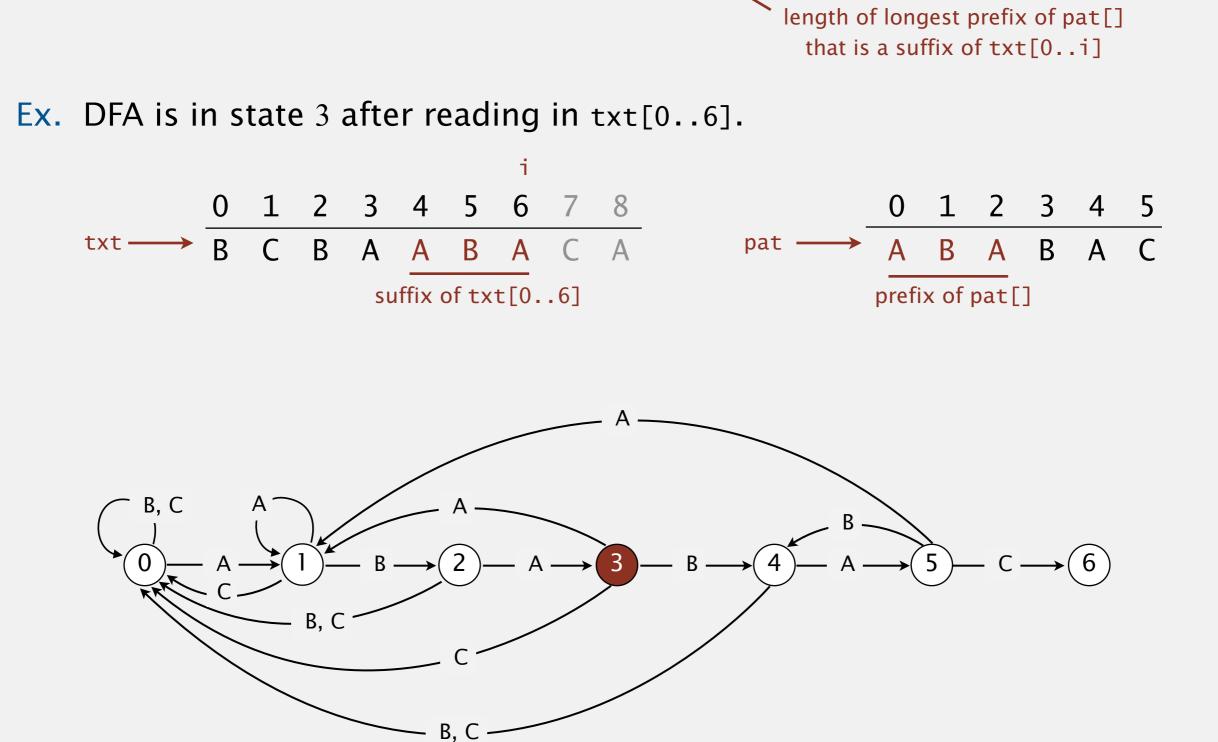


		0	1	2	3	4	5
pat.charAt	(j)	A	В	А	В	А	С
	Α	1	1	3	1	5	1
dfa[][j]	В	0	2	0	4	0	4
	С	0	0	0	0	0	6



Interpretation of Knuth-Morris-Pratt DFA

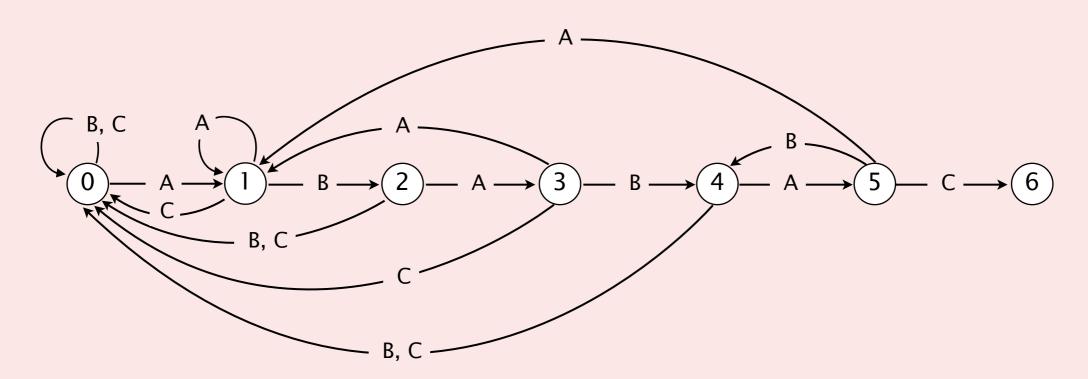
- Q. What is interpretation of DFA state after reading in txt[i]?
- A. State = number of characters in pattern that have been matched.



Substring search quiz 2

Which state is the DFA in after processing the following input?

- **A.** 0
- **B.** 1
- **C.** 3
- **D.** 4
- **E.** *I don't know.*



Knuth-Morris-Pratt substring search: Java implementation

Key differences from brute-force implementation.

- Need to precompute dfa[][] from pattern.
- Text pointer i never decrements.

Running time.

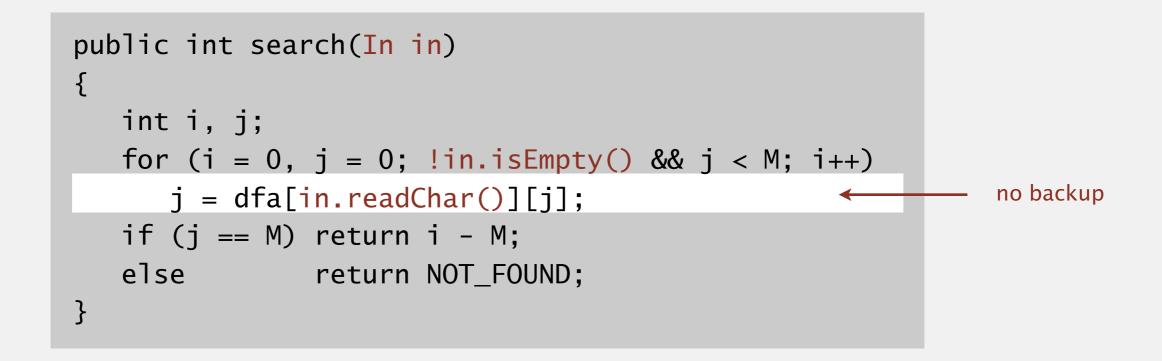
- Simulate DFA on text: at most N character accesses.
- Build DFA: how to do efficiently? [warning: tricky algorithm ahead]

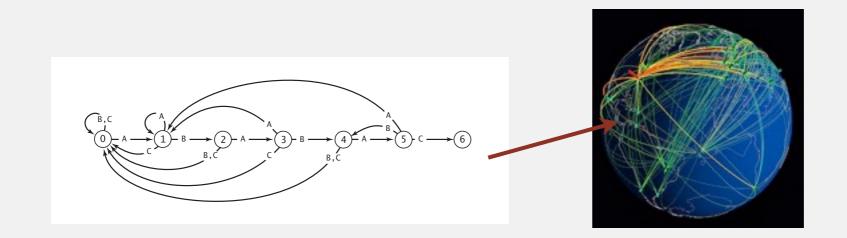


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- Could use input stream.

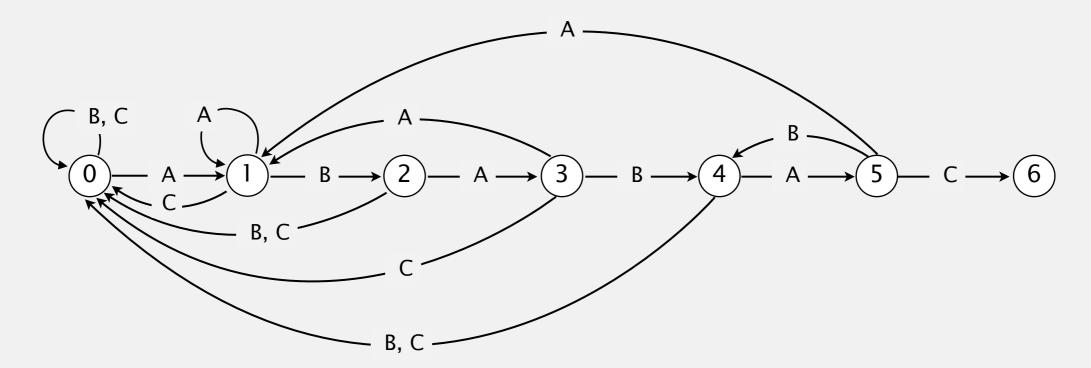






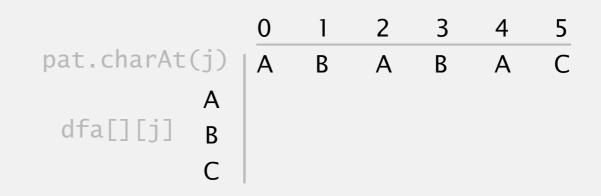
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	А	1	1	3	1	5	1
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Constructing the DFA for KMP substring search for ABABAC

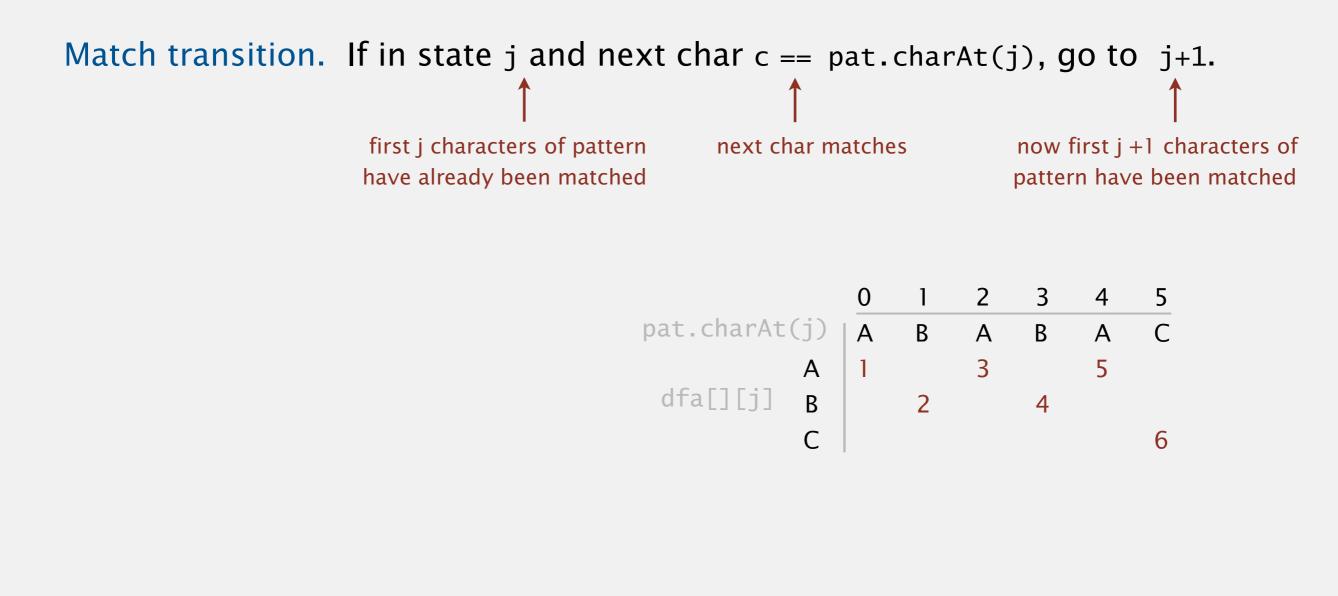


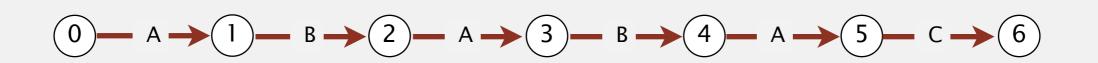
How to build DFA from pattern?

Include one state for each character in pattern (plus accept state).



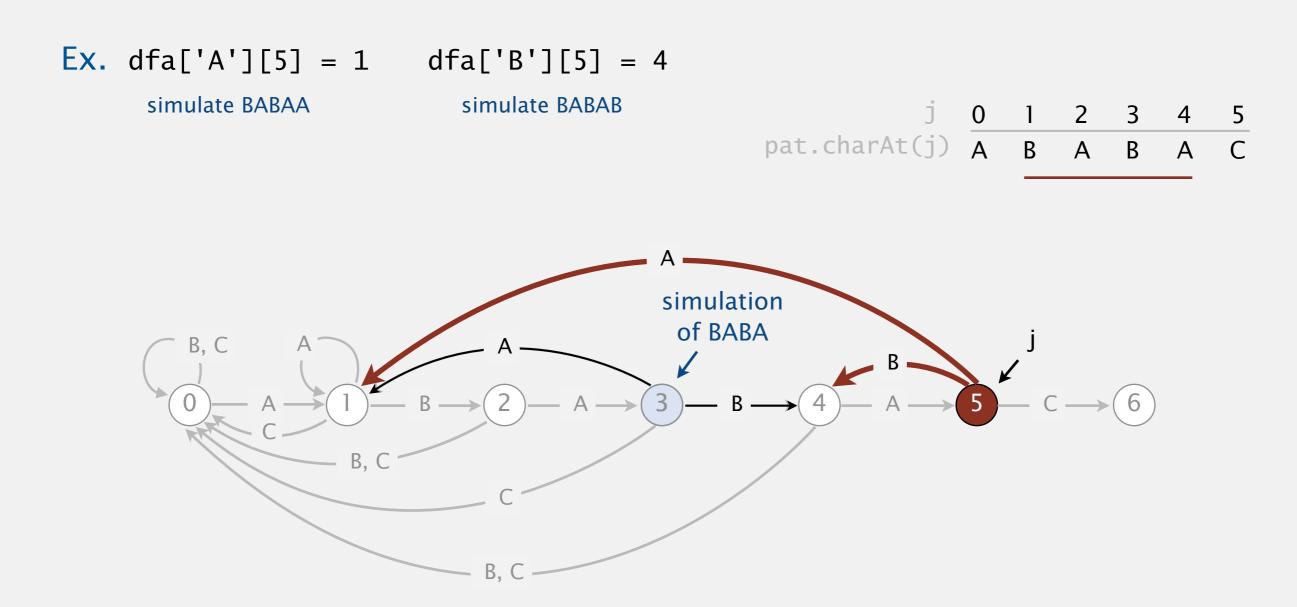






Mismatch transition. If in state j and next char c != pat.charAt(j), then the last j-1 characters of input are pat[1..j-1], followed by c.

To compute dfa[c][j]: Simulate pat[1..j-1] on DFA and take transition c. Running time. Seems to require j steps.

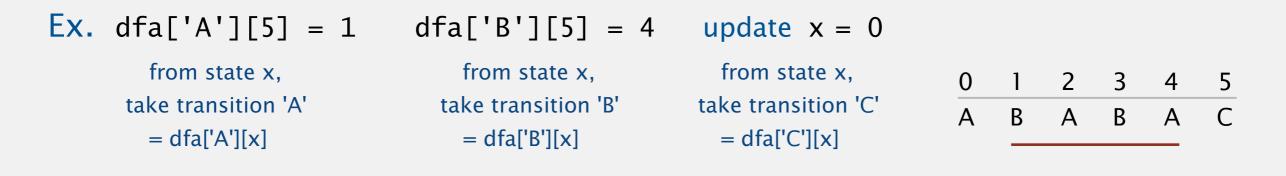


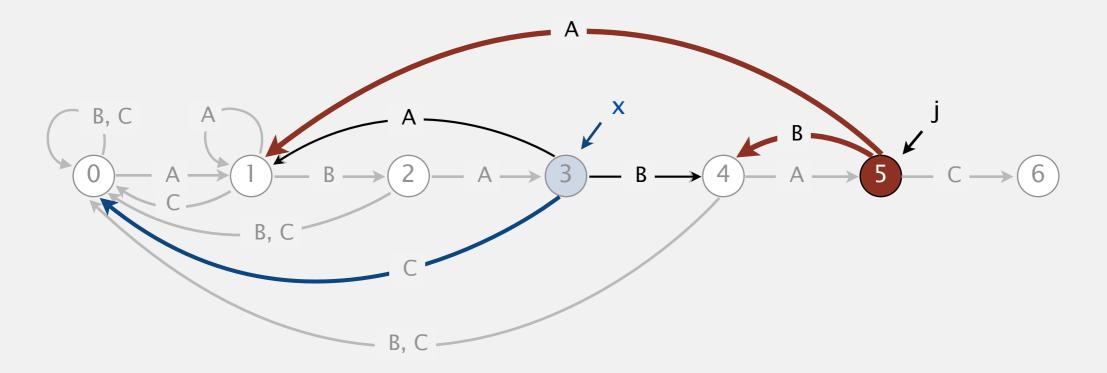
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state x

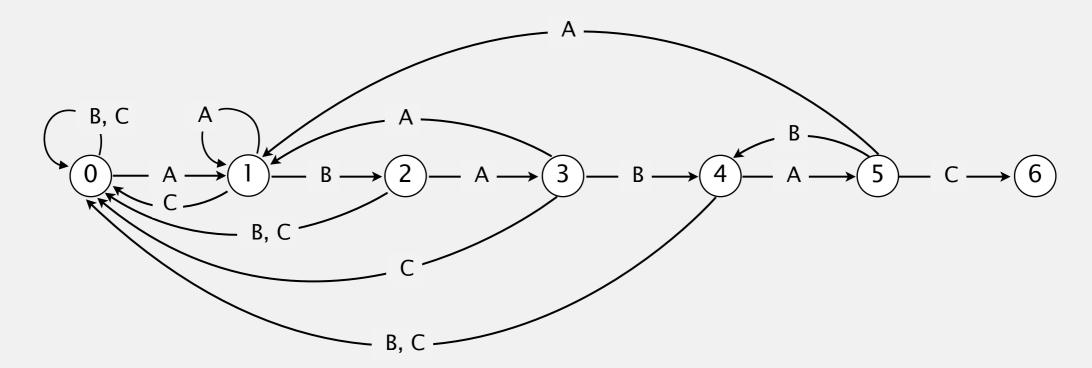






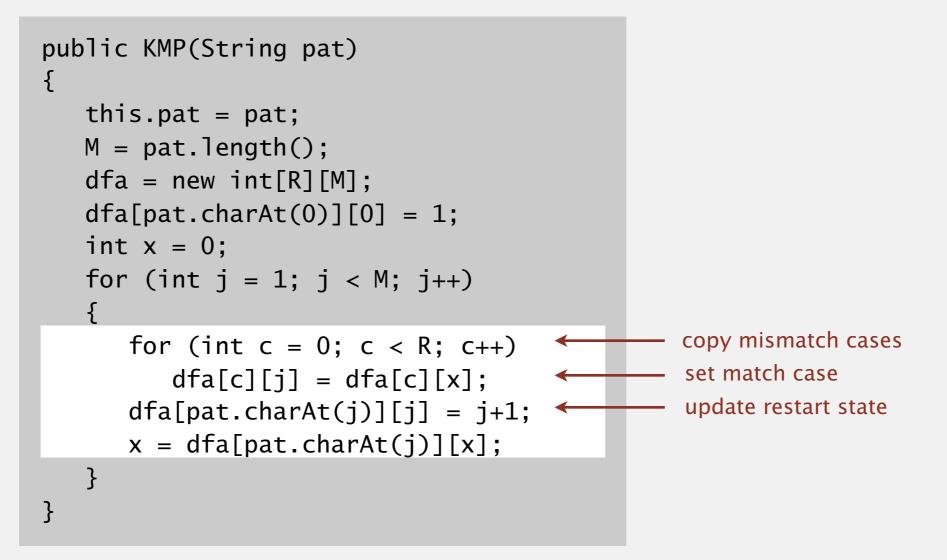
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For each state j:

- Copy dfa[][x] to dfa[][j] for mismatch case.
- Set dfa[pat.charAt(j)][j] to j+1 for match case.
- Update x.



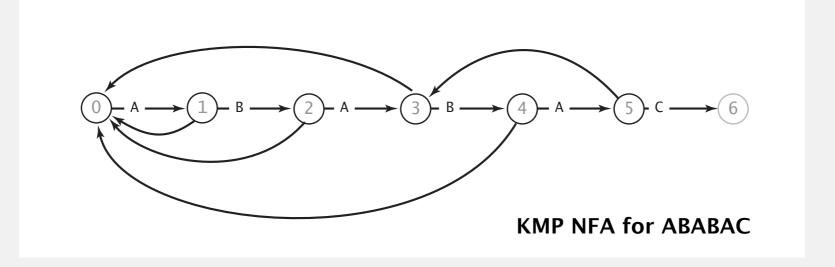
Running time. *M* character accesses (but space/time proportional to *R M*).

Proposition. KMP substring search accesses no more than M + N chars to search for a pattern of length M in a text of length N.

Pf. Each pattern character accessed once when constructing the DFA; each text character accessed once (in the worst case) when simulating the DFA.

Proposition. KMP constructs dfa[][] in time and space proportional to *R M*.

Larger alphabets. Improved version of KMP constructs nfa[] in time and space proportional to *M*.



- Independently discovered by two theoreticians and a hacker.
 - Knuth: inspired by esoteric theorem, discovered linear algorithm
 - Pratt: made running time independent of alphabet size
 - Morris: built a text editor for the CDC 6400 computer
- Theory meets practice.

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FAST PATTERN MATCHING IN STRINGS*

DONALD E. KNUTH[†], JAMES H. MORRIS, JR.[‡] AND VAUGHAN R. PRATT[¶]

Abstract. An algorithm is presented which finds all occurrences of one given string within another, in running time proportional to the sum of the lengths of the strings. The constant of proportionality is low enough to make this algorithm of practical use, and the procedure can also be extended to deal with some more general pattern-matching problems. A theoretical application of the algorithm shows that the set of concatenations of even palindromes, i.e., the language $\{\alpha \alpha^R\}^*$, can be recognized in linear time. Other algorithms which run even faster on the average are also considered.





Don Knuth



Jim Morris



Vaughan Pratt

CYCLIC ROTATION

A string *s* is a cyclic rotation of *t* if *s* and *t* have the same length and *s* is a suffix of *t* followed by a prefix of *t*.

yes	yes	no
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Solution.

- Check that *s* and *t* are the same length.
- Search for *s* in *t* + *t* using Knuth–Morris–Pratt.

t+t → STRINGROTATEDSTRINGROTATED s → ROTATEDSTRING

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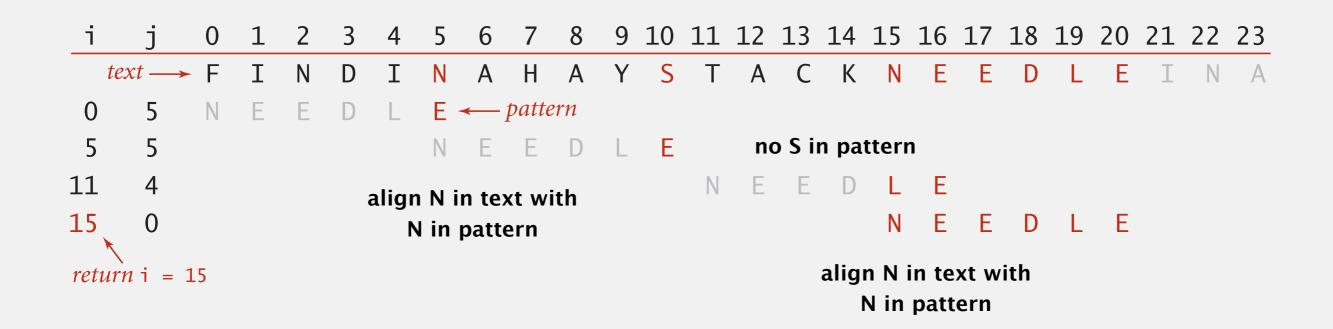


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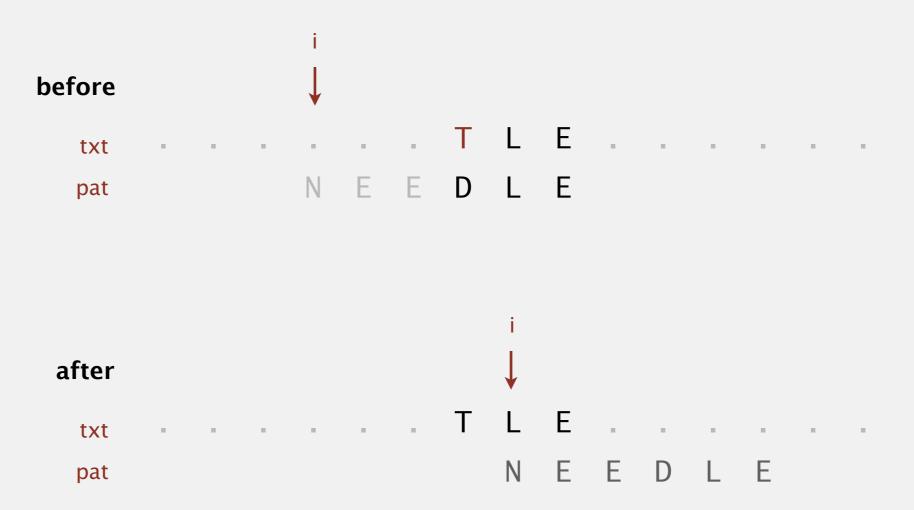
Boyer-Moore: mismatched character heuristic

Intuition.

- Scan characters in pattern from right to left.
- Can skip as many as *M* text chars when finding one not in the pattern.

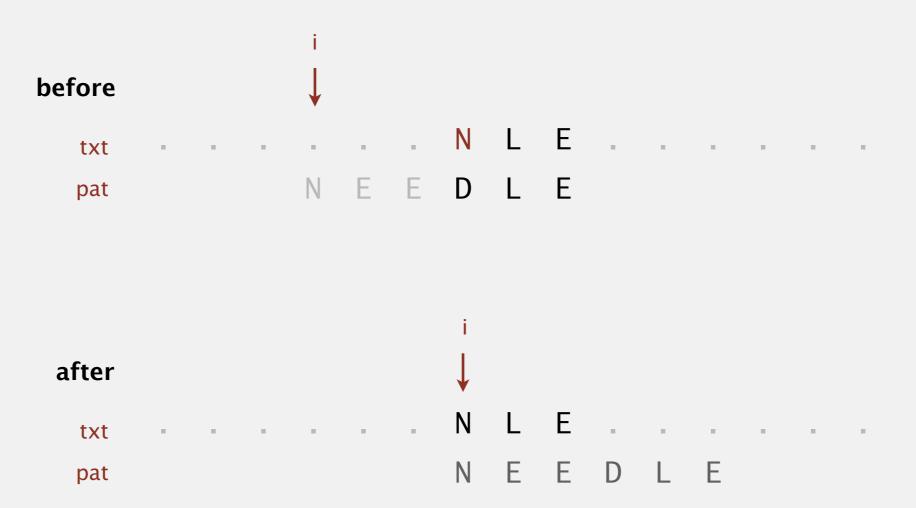


Case 1. Mismatch character not in pattern.



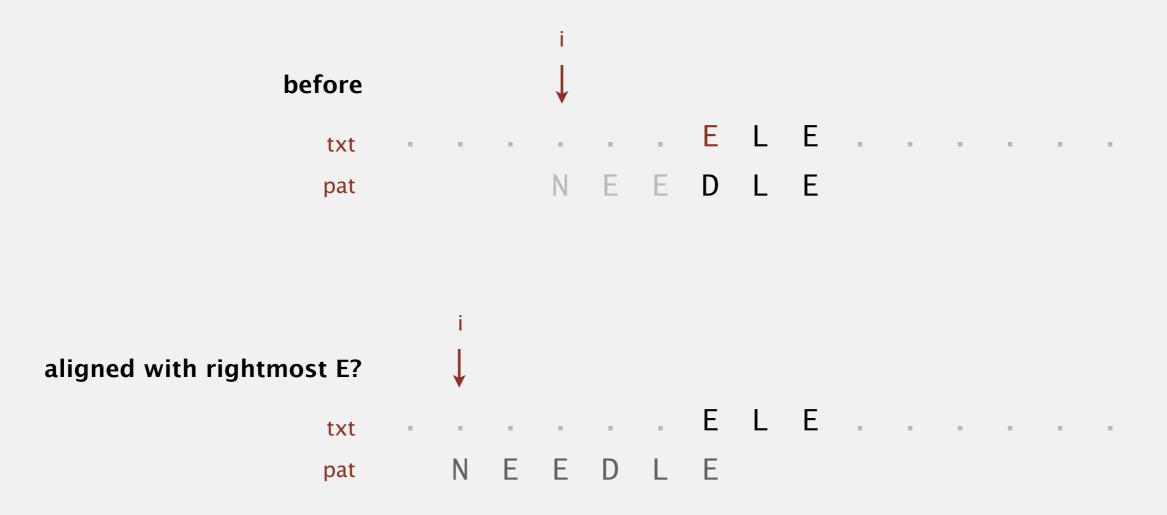
mismatch character 'T' not in pattern: increment i one character beyond 'T'

Case 2a. Mismatch character in pattern.



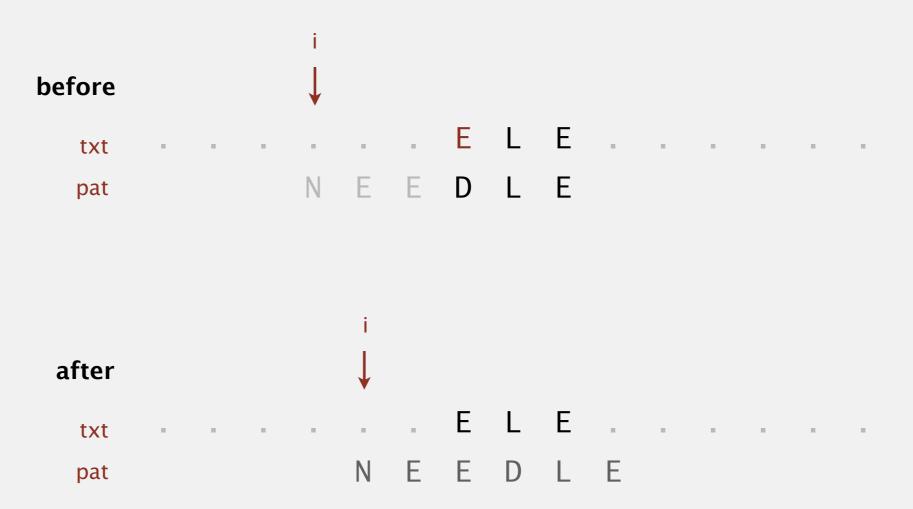
mismatch character 'N' in pattern: align text 'N' with rightmost (why?) pattern 'N'

Case 2b. Mismatch character in pattern (but heuristic no help).



mismatch character 'E' in pattern: align text 'E' with rightmost pattern 'E'?

Case 2b. Mismatch character in pattern (but heuristic no help).



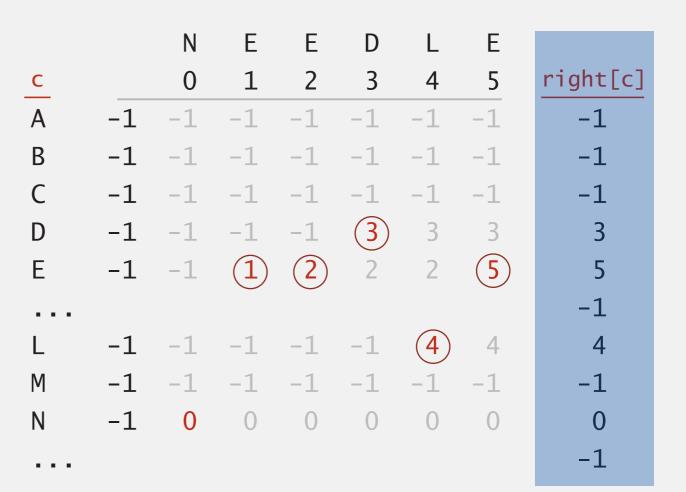
mismatch character 'E' in pattern: increment i by 1

Boyer-Moore: mismatched character heuristic

Q. How much to skip?

A. Precompute index of rightmost occurrence of character c in pattern.
 (-1 if character not in pattern)

```
right = new int[R];
for (int c = 0; c < R; c++)
    right[c] = -1;
for (int j = 0; j < M; j++)
    right[pat.charAt(j)] = j;
```



Boyer-Moore skip table computation

```
public int search(String txt)
 Ł
   int N = txt.length();
   int M = pat.length();
   int skip;
   for (int i = 0; i \le N-M; i += skip)
      skip = 0;
      for (int j = M-1; j \ge 0; j--)
                                                 compute
      {
                                                 skip value
         if (pat.charAt(j) != txt.charAt(i+j))
         {
            skip = Math.max(1, j - right[txt.charAt(i+j)]);
            break;
                               in case other term is zero or negative
         }
      }
      }
    return N;
}
```

Property. Substring search with the Boyer–Moore mismatched character heuristic takes about $\sim N / M$ character compares to search for a pattern of length M in a text of length N.

Worst-case. Can be as bad as $\sim M N$.

i skip		0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
	txt—	► B	В	В	В	В	В	В	В	В	В
0	0	Α	В	В	В	В	←	pat			
1	1		Α	В	В	В	В				
2	1			Α	В	В	В	В			
3	1				Α	В	В	В	В		
4	1					Α	В	В	В	В	
5	1						Α	В	В	В	В

Boyer–Moore variant. Can improve worst case to $\sim 3 N$ character compares by adding a KMP-like rule to guard against repetitive patterns.

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Rabin-Karp fingerprint search

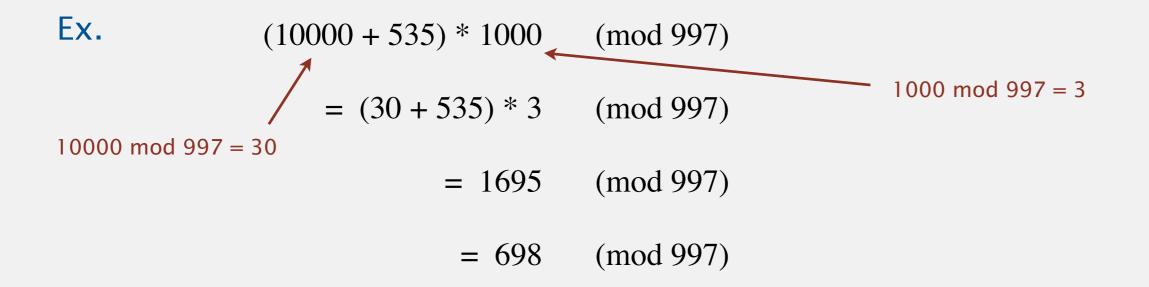
Basic idea = modular hashing.

- Compute a hash of pat[0..M).
- For each i, compute a hash of txt[i..M+i).
- If pattern hash = text substring hash, check for a match.

	pat.charAt(i)															
i	0	1	2	3	4											
	2	6	5	3	5	%	997	=	613							
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i	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
	3	1	4	1	5	9	2	6	5	3	5	8	9	7	9	3
0	3	1	4	1	5	%	997	=	508							
1		1	4	1	5	9	%	997	7 =	201	1					
2			4	1	5	9	2	%	997	' =	71	5				
3				1	5	9	2	6	%	997	7 =	971	L			
4					5	9	2	6	5	%	997	7 =	442	2		
5						9	2	6	5	3	%	997	7 =	929	9	match ⁄
6 ←	– ret	urn	i =	6			2	6	5	3	5	%	997	7 =	61	3

modular hashing with R = 10 and hash(s) = s (mod 997)

Math trick. To keep numbers small, take intermediate results modulo Q.



 $(a+b) \mod Q = ((a \mod Q) + (b \mod Q)) \mod Q$

 $(a * b) \operatorname{mod} Q = ((a \operatorname{mod} Q) * (b \operatorname{mod} Q)) \operatorname{mod} Q$

two useful modular arithmetic identities

Modular hash function. Using the notation t_i for txt.charAt(i), we wish to compute

 $x_i = t_i R^{M-1} + t_{i+1} R^{M-2} + \ldots + t_{i+M-1} R^0 \pmod{Q}$

Intuition. *M*-digit, base-*R* integer, modulo *Q*.

Horner's method. Linear-time method to evaluate degree-*M* polynomial.

	р	at.	cha	ırAt	0	
i	0	1	2	3	4	
	2	6	5	3	5	
0	2	%	997	′ =	2	RQ
1	2	6	%	997	′ =	(2*10 + 6) % 997 = 26
2	2	6	5	%	997	7 = (26*10 + 5) % 997 = 265
3	2	6	5	3	%	$997 = (265 \pm 10 + 3) \% 997 = 659$
4	2	6	5	3	5	% 997 = (659*10 + 5) % 997 = 613

```
// Compute hash for M-digit key
private long hash(String key, int M)
{
    long h = 0;
    for (int j = 0; j < M; j++)
        h = (h * R + key.charAt(j)) % Q;
    return h;
}</pre>
```

26535 = 2*10000 + 6*1000 + 5*100 + 3*10 + 5

= ((((2) *10 + 6) * 10 + 5) * 10 + 3) * 10 + 5

Efficiently computing the hash function

Challenge. How to efficiently compute x_{i+1} given that we know x_i .

$$x_i = t_i R^{M-1} + t_{i+1} R^{M-2} + \ldots + t_{i+M-1} R^0$$

$$x_{i+1} = t_{i+1} R^{M-1} + t_{i+2} R^{M-2} + \ldots + t_{i+M} R^0$$

Key property. Can update "rolling" hash function in constant time!

$$x_{i+1} = (x_i - t_i R^{M-1}) R + t_{i+M}$$

$$(current subtract multiply add new trailing digit (can precompute R^{M-1})$$

$$\frac{i \dots 2 \ 3 \ 4 \ 5 \ 6 \ 7 \dots}{(current value \ 1 \ 4 \ 1 \ 5 \ 9 \ 2 \ 6 \ 5} + text$$

$$\frac{i \dots 2 \ 3 \ 4 \ 5 \ 9 \ 2 \ 6 \ 5}{1 \ 5 \ 9 \ 2 \ 6 \ 5} + text$$

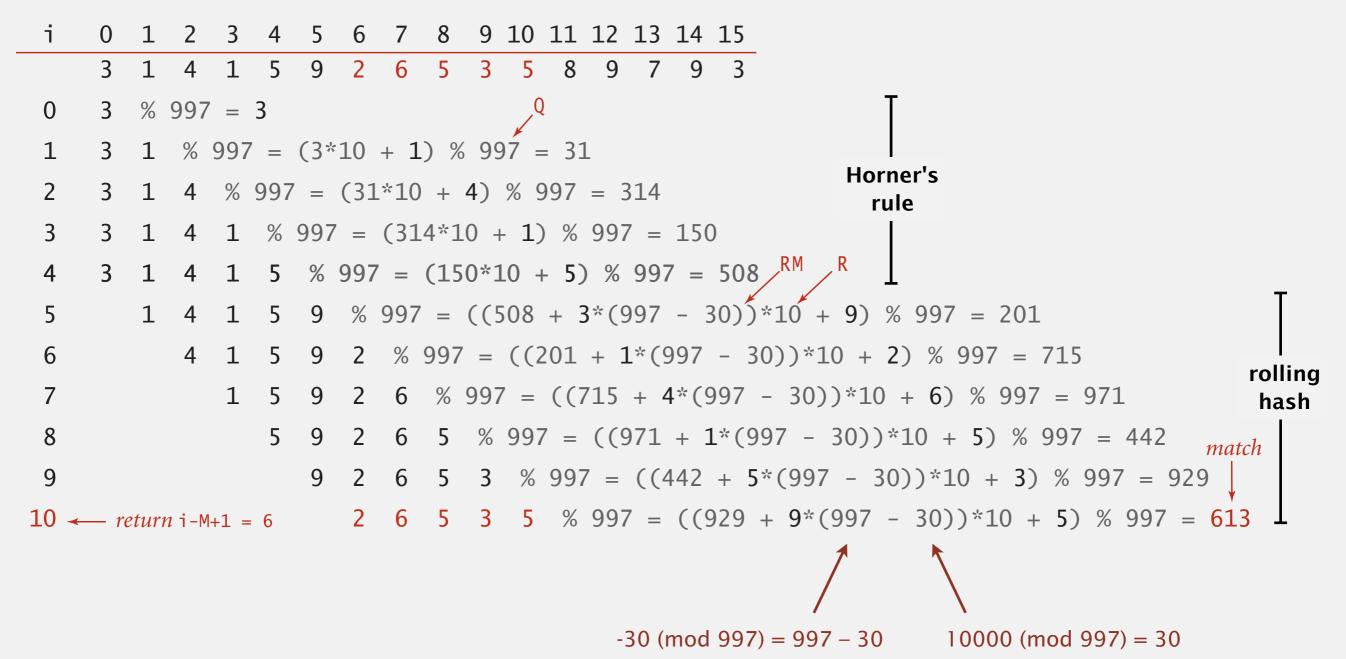
$$\frac{4 \ 1 \ 5 \ 9 \ 2 \ 6 \ 5}{1 \ 5 \ 9 \ 2 \ 6 \ 5} + text$$

$$\frac{4 \ 1 \ 5 \ 9 \ 2 \ current value}{1 \ 5 \ 9 \ 2 \ 6 \ 5} + text$$

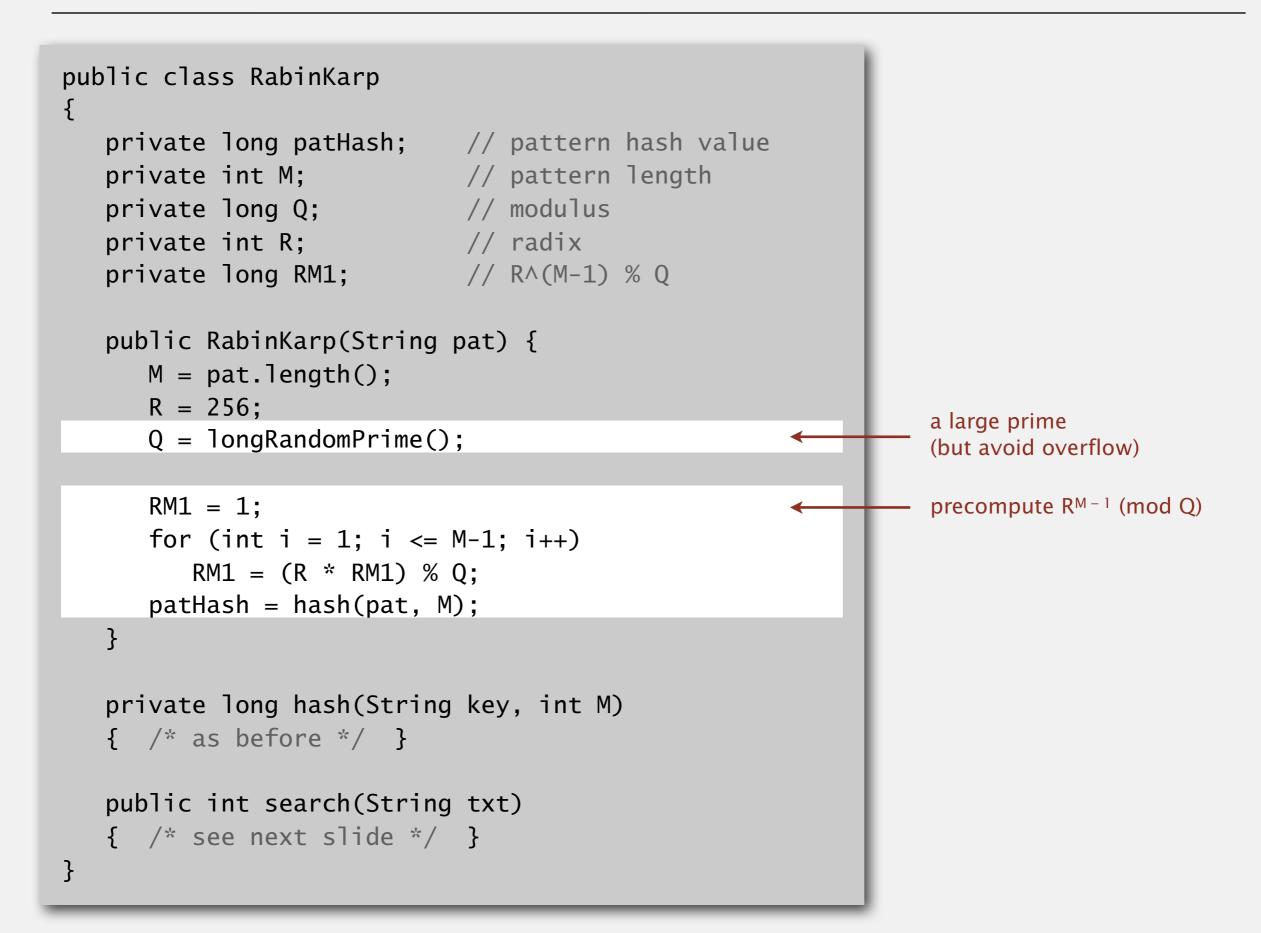
$$\frac{4 \ 1 \ 5 \ 9 \ 2 \ 6 \ 5}{1 \ 5 \ 9 \ 2 \ 6 \ 5} + text$$

Rabin-Karp substring search example

First R entries: Use Horner's rule. Remaining entries: Use rolling hash (and % to avoid overflow).

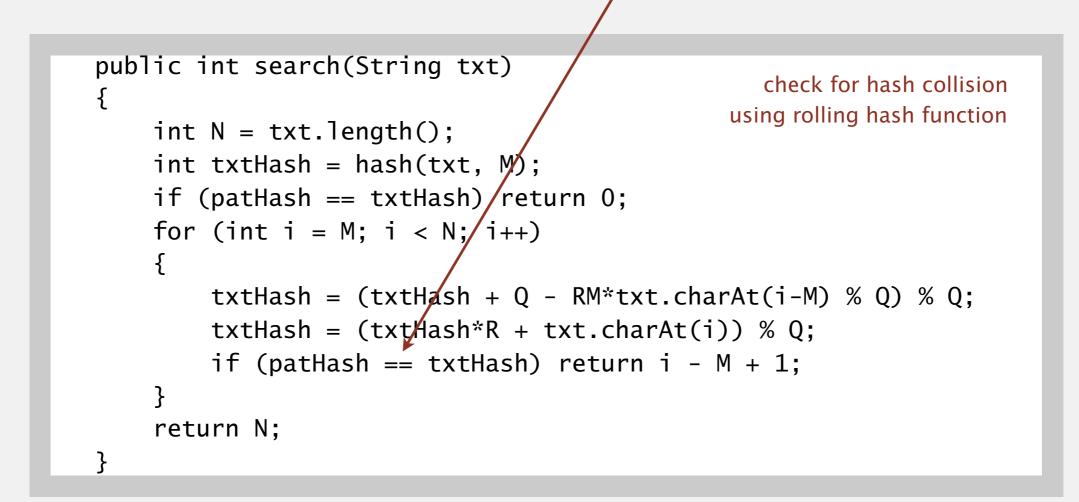


Rabin-Karp: Java implementation



Rabin-Karp: Java implementation (continued)





Las Vegas version. Modify code to check for substring match if hash match; continue search if false collision.

Theory. If *Q* is a sufficiently large random prime (about MN^2), then the probability of a false collision is about 1/N.

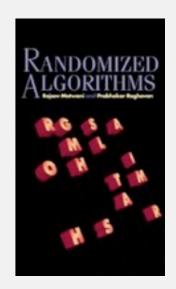
Practice. Choose Q to be a large prime (but not so large to cause overflow). Under reasonable assumptions, probability of a collision is about 1 / Q.

Monte Carlo version.

- Always runs in linear time.
- Extremely likely to return correct answer (but not always!).

Las Vegas version.

- Always returns correct answer.
- Extremely likely to run in linear time (but worst case is MN).



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Rabin-Karp fingerprint search

Advantages.

- Extends to two-dimensional patterns.
- Extends to finding multiple patterns.

Disadvantages.

- Arithmetic ops slower than char compares.
- Las Vegas version requires backup.
- Poor worst-case guarantee.

Q. How would you extend Rabin–Karp to efficiently search for any one of *P* possible patterns in a text of length *N*?



Substring search cost summary

Cost of searching for an *M*-character pattern in an *N*-character text.

algarithm	vorcion	operatio	n count	backup	correct?	extra	
algorithm	version	guarantee typical		in input?	correct?	space	
brute force	_	MN	1.1 N	yes	yes	1	
Varia Ducit	full DFA (Algorithm 5.6)	2 N	1.1 N	по	yes	MR	
Knuth-Morris-Pratt	<i>mismatch</i> transitions only	3 N	1.1 N	по	yes	М	
	full algorithm	3 N	N/M	yes	yes	R	
Boyer-Moore	mismatched char heuristic only (Algorithm 5.7)	MN	N/M	yes	yes	R	
Rabin-Karp [†]	<i>Monte Carlo</i> (<i>Algorithm 5.8</i>)	7 N	7 N	по	yes †	1	
	Las Vegas	7 N^{\dagger}	7 N	yes	yes	1	

† probabilisitic guarantee, with uniform hash function